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FROM AMBASSADOR FOR WENDELL COOTE/AF AND STEVE WINSHIP/PM

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SUBJECT: STAFF COLLEGE LEVEL TRAINING IN U.S. FOR MALAWIAN  
ARMY OFFICERS

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1. IT IS COMPLETELY UNREALISTIC IN MY VIEW TO EXPECT THAT GOM ARMY LEADERS WILL UNDERSTAND OUR REFUSAL TO ACCEPT ONE OFFICER PER YEAR FOR SUBJECT TRAINING CONSIDERING THAT GOM PREPARED PAY COSTS AND IN VIEW OF OUR FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND MALAWI ALIGNMENT WITH ANTI-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. THEY WILL MOST PROBABLY ACCEPT DECISION WITH LITTLE COMMENT BUT WITH NEW AND SERIOUS DOUBTS AS TO THE DEGREE OF OUR SUPPORT FOR MALAWI'S INDEPENDENT PRO-WESTERN ROLE IN THIS AREA. AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY INDICATED TO YOU THESE ARE THE LEADERS WHO ARE LIKELY TO PLAY IMPORTANT ROLES IN ANY POST-BANDA SUCCESSOR REGIME.

2. IN READING OVER THE PERTINENT LEGISLATION IT DOES NOT SEEM TO ME THAT CONGRESS WOULD HAVE INTENDED TO BOX IN THE EXECUTIVE IN A SIMPLE SITUATION SUCH AS THIS ONE, IN WHICH A POSITIVE RESPONSE IS SO CLEARLY IN THE U.S. INTEREST AND AT NO COST THAT I CAN SEE. MUST SUCH TRAINING UNALTERABLE AND WITHOUT EXCEPTION BE GOVERNED AND CONTROLLED BY FMS LEGISLATION WHEN  
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APPLICANT COUNTRY PREPARED PAY COSTS? I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO

BELIEVE THERE WOULD BE CONGRESSIONAL HOSTILITY ONCE FACTS THIS  
MODEST REQUEST MADE CLEAR TO THEM. WISH NOTE, ALSO, THAT LAW  
DOES NOT SAY THAT SUCH TRAINING MUST BE "ESSENTIAL TO U.S.  
SECURITY" BUT RATHER THAT IT "WILL STRENGTHEN THE SECURITY OF  
THE U.S. AND PROMOTE WORLD PEACE". IN A SMALL WAY GRANTING THIS  
SMALL REQUEST WOULD DO THIS, IN MY JUDGMENT. WOULD APPRECIATE  
YOUR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.  
STEVENSON

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